

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5405
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PATENT RULES ON FOOD ITEMS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Companies are facing difficulties in getting patented their food items due to complexities in existing patent rules;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is considering to simplify such rules;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the names of food items patented by the Government so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) and (c): Do not arise.

(d) : The Patent Office has granted product patents for the following food items: Patent number Applicant Title of the invention 200285 Shri Krishnamachari Ramu and Ms. Lavanya Ramu Low Glycemic Sweets. 194205 Hindustan Lever Limited Improved Fat Spread Composition.